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## **MEETING OF THE**

# **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

***Thursday, February 6, 2014***  
***10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.***

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## Transportation Committee

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# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

### FEBRUARY 6, 2014

*The Transportation Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.*

#### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(Hon. Keith Millhouse, Chair)*

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

#### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

<b><u>ACTION ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Page No.</u></b>
1. <u>Sustainability Joint Work Program Resolution with Imperial County</u> <i>(Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental)</i>	Attachment 10 mins.	1

**Recommended Action:** Recommend Regional Council Approval of the SCAG/ICTC Sustainability Joint Work Program.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. <u>Imperial County Transit Planning Efforts Update</u> <i>(Mark Baza, Executive Director, Imperial County Transportation Commission)</i>	Attachment 25 mins.	7
3. <u>SCAG-Metro First/Last Mile Strategic Plan Study</u> <i>(Shahzad Amiri, Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority /'Metro)</i>	Attachment 20 mins.	15
4. <u>California Active Transportation Program Process Update</u> <i>(Sarah Jepson, SCAG Staff)</i>	Attachment 20 mins.	22
5. <u>Federal Transit Administration – Notice of Funding Availability for the Low or No Emission (LoNo) Vehicle Deployment Program</u> <i>(Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer)</i>	Attachment 5 mins.	30

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **Approval Item**

6. <u>Minutes of the January 2, 2014 Meeting</u>	Attachment	32
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## AGENDA

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| 7. <u>2014 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule</u> | Attachment | 37 |
| 8. <u>SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program - Monthly Update</u> | Attachment | 38 |

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

*(Hon. Keith Millhouse, Chair)*

#### **STAFF REPORT**

*(Akiko Yamagami, SCAG Staff)*

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The next meeting of the TC is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.*

# REPORT

**DATE:** February 6, 2014

**TO:** Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee  
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)  
Transportation Committee (TC)

**FROM:** Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning 213-236-1838, [liu@scag.ca.gov](mailto:liu@scag.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT:** Sustainability Joint Work Program with Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend Regional Council approval of the SCAG/Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Sustainability Joint Work Program.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*SCAG and ICTC staff have developed a Sustainability Joint Work Program to better coordinate the activities of the two agencies and support the implementation of the approved 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS).*

## STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans; b) Develop external communications and media strategy to promote partnerships, build consensus and foster inclusiveness in the decision making process; and c) Provide practical solutions for moving new ideas forward

## BACKGROUND:

The 2012 RTP/SCS was adopted on April 5, 2012. Since that time, SCAG has worked collaboratively with partner agencies, including the six (6) County Transportation Commissions in the region to advance and implement key policies and strategies in the Plan. This cooperative effort includes the development of agreements and joint work programs committing to initiatives of mutual interest, along with other activities such as the convening of an ongoing CEOs Sustainability Working Group.

SCAG's approach for the upcoming 2016 RTP/SCS will be to record progress made on implementation action, particularly at city and county levels, and identify next steps. As such, these focused follow-up efforts, along with other activities, are of critical importance for future planning.

ICTC staff has developed a Joint Work Program in collaboration with SCAG staff. On December 11, 2013, the ICTC Board passed a resolution recognizing this Joint Work Program with SCAG.

# REPORT

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Highlights of the Program include:

1. First Mile/Last Mile Strategic Plan for Border Crossing Stations
2. The development of a Countywide Safe Routes to School Inventory
3. Conservation Planning Policy
4. Active Transportation funding
5. Complete Streets Policy Development

The Joint Work Program with ICTC is the third such coordination of effort between SCAG and a county transportation commission (CTC) in the SCAG region subsequent to the adoption of the 2012 RTP/SCS. On October 4, 2012, the Regional Council approved a resolution and Joint Work Program with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). As part of today's Regional Council meeting, the RC will be considering the adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). At this time, SCAG is continuing to work with staff from the remaining three (3) CTCs on developing sustainability joint work programs for consideration.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. The item commits SCAG to joint work efforts with ICTC subject to future separate and on-going budget development actions and/or agreements.

**ATTACHMENT:**

SCAG-ICTC Sustainability Joint Work Program, as previously approved by ICTC



**RESOLUTION 121113-7G OF  
THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ICTC)**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COLLABORATION BETWEEN IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ICTC) AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) TO IMPLEMENT THE 2012-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (RTP/SCS)**

**WHEREAS**, the development of a regional Sustainable Communities Strategy is required by state law under California Sustainable Communities Strategy and Climate Protection Act, commonly referred to as Senate Bill 375, and is a critical element of achieving statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals established in the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Núñez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006);

**WHEREAS**, a regional Sustainable Communities Strategy is a component of the Regional Transportation Plan that specifies how the GHG reduction targets established of a region by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will be achieved;

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2012, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council unanimously approved the region's first RTP/SCS;

**WHEREAS**, the adopted RTP/SCS includes land-use and transportation strategies that will support the region in meeting the established GHG reduction targets of 8% per capita by 2020 and 13% per capita by 2035;

**WHEREAS**, the Air Resource Board on June 4, 2012 accepted the Sustainable Communities Strategy as having met the GHG target;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of having met the state established GHG target, local governments in the SCAG region may choose to access a streamlined process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for certain types of qualifying development projects;

**WHEREAS**, the RTP/SCS provides additional co-benefits including reducing land consumption, infrastructure costs, household costs, health incidences as well as improving mobility and creating jobs;

**WHEREAS**, SCAG developed the RTP/SCS in collaboration with the Imperial County Transportation Commission, other County Transportation Commissions, and local governments from the six county Southern California region through a bottoms-up, collaborative process that engaged a wide range of stakeholder groups, elected officials, special interest groups, and the general public through a series of workshops and public meetings;

**WHEREAS**, the RTP/SCS addresses many challenges including projected growth, changing demographics, climate change adaptation, housing needs, and transportation demands;

**WHEREAS**, the RTP/SCS includes a land-use strategy and growth forecast that focuses growth in High-Quality Transit Areas and along main streets, downtowns and other appropriate infill locations;

shifts development from single-family towards multi-family residential development to reflect recent market trends; and promotes the implementation of Compass Blueprint Demonstration projects and other supportive land use implementation;

**WHEREAS**, the RTP/SCS includes transportation policies and investments that reflect the investments being made by the County Transportation Commissions through 2035; triples the amount of funding available in the previous RTP to support Active Transportation; emphasizes and provides additional resources for transportation demand management strategies and transportation systems management; maintains a focus on efficient goods movement; and establishes a financial plan that addresses deferred maintenance and includes new revenue sources and innovative financing techniques to transition our fuel tax-based system to a more direct, user fee approach;

**WHEREAS**, while SCAG develops the RTP/SCS, the land-use and transportation changes within it are largely driven by the actions of local governments and County Transportation Commissions, like the LACMTA, that program the majority of transportation funds flowing into the region;

**WHEREAS**, it is therefore critical that the ICTC be engaged in the implementation of the plan in order for the plan's benefits to be realized, as well as, to ensure the region continues to make progress that can be reflected in the 2016 RTP/SCS;

**WHEREAS**, CARB through the AB 32 Cap-and-Trade Program will be providing funding for programs and projects throughout the state that reduce GHG emissions and help implement local climate action plans;

**WHEREAS**, the ICTC and SCAG currently collaborate on a broad range of initiatives to advance common transportation objectives, and it is in the interest of both agencies to continue to leverage resources toward achieving the common goals expressed in the RTP/SCS towards creating a more sustainable transportation system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Imperial County Transportation Commission that the Executive Director is authorized to initiate and/or continue the following RTP/SCS implementation activities, to be referred to collectively as the **SCAG-ICTC RTP/SCS Joint-Work Program**:

**Planning Work/Products**

1. Develop **First-Last Mile Strategic Plan** improving intermodal access for pedestrian and transit at existing and planned Ports-of-entry between Mexico and Imperial County.
2. Support SCAG in developing a **Conservation Planning Policy**, as recommended in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. This policy is intended to build upon already-established programs that assist with more efficient transportation project delivery, including but not limited to, OCTA's Measure M Environmental Mitigation Program and Riverside County's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plans (MSHCP). The policy will explore opportunities to optimize the use of transportation mitigation funds to support natural land restoration, conservation, protection and acquisition, and will offer GHG emissions reduction benefits. The deliverables will likely include identification of priority conservation areas and the development of regional mitigation policies or approaches for the 2016 RTP/SCS. ICTC will coordinate with SCAG on the development of policies appropriate for Imperial County in

conjunction with proposals for more comprehensive habitat preservation/conservation approaches.

3. Develop a **Countywide Safe Routes to School Plan** to help local communities identify SRTS needs and to prioritize the most cost-effective and competitive projects. The Inventory will: document current SRTS efforts and needs; coordinate with agencies, organizations, and stakeholders for exchange of information and ideas; and identify options for pursuing additional funding sources to increase SRTS investment in Imperial County.
4. Explore opportunities, together with SCAG, to expedite Active Transportation funding planned in the RTP/SCS for local infrastructure to support the operation and expansion of Bus/Bus Rapid Transit systems and for improved bicycle/pedestrian connectivity county-wide. ICTC will develop a funding strategy for specific Active Transportation priority projects in the NMTP and identify specific funding opportunities for each project, such as grant applications, calls for projects, and allocation of Federal, State, and local formula funds, as appropriate.

#### **Advocacy**

5. Seek funding and **support legislative initiatives** to assist local agencies with planning, programming, and/or capital funds to implement Compass Blueprint projects or other innovative, multimodal approaches.
6. Support local jurisdictions in developing Climate Action Plans (CAPs) that would serve as the local implementation and monitoring documents for the reduction of greenhouse gases in response to Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. ICTC will collaborate with local jurisdictions to develop templates jurisdictions may use as starting points for incorporation of specific schedule, funding, and implementation action items into their CAPs.
7. Work with state and federal representatives to **Develop Legislation** in support of the above activities and the broader goals of the RTP/SCS.

#### **Coordination**

8. Appoint a representative to the **Regional Sustainability Working Group**, an effort initiated by the CEOs of County Transportation Commissions and led by SCAG, to actively work on the implementation of the RTP/SCS, document and monitor progress, and develop recommendations for opportunities in upcoming 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.
9. Continue collaborative efforts to improve **Performance Measurement and Monitoring** of the benefits and co-benefits (health, greenhouse gas reduction, etc.) of transportation projects and plans through efforts such as: monitoring of travel time on major highways through upgrades to the Imperial County Transportation Plan; monitoring of transit performance; collection of bicycle use data through the bicycle data clearinghouse; monitoring of milestones for the County Transportation Plan.
10. Continue to support SCAG and collaborate with regional stakeholders on the Regional Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) Readiness Plan, to identify the best locations for charging infrastructure based on market demand and travel patterns. The Regional PEV Readiness Plan will become part of a larger effort to support regional sustainability while promoting

economic development within the green technology sector. SCAG will continue to work with a diverse group of stakeholders to serve as a clearinghouse for zero and near-zero emission vehicle resources and implementation strategies. The key deliverables include a Regional PEV Readiness Plan and two model Subregional PEV Readiness Plans (South Bay and Western Riverside COGs). This effort is funded with grants obtained from the California Energy Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy.

11. Support the SCAG RTP/SCS through the coordinated development of complete streets policies and implementable strategies by identifying the following: achievable opportunities for deployment of complete streets strategies in a way that recognizes the diversity of urban and rural contexts in Imperial County; principles for integration of “complete streets thinking” into arterial network and land use planning within the County; specific locations that could serve as opportunities for low cost “early action” complete streets projects; possible incentives for the planning and development of complete streets projects in the County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Imperial County Transportation Commission held on December 11, 2013.

By:   
Chairman

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Secretary to the Commission

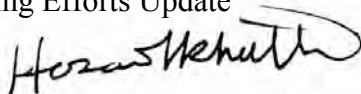
# REPORT

**DATE:** February 6, 2014

**TO:** Transportation Committee (TC)

**FROM:** Matt Gleason, Associate Regional Planner, [Gleason@scag.ca.gov](mailto:Gleason@scag.ca.gov), 213-236-1832

**SUBJECT:** Imperial County Transit Planning Efforts Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only - No Action Required.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*Mark Baza, Executive Director, Imperial County Transportation Commission, will provide a presentation to the committee regarding ongoing transit planning efforts in collaboration with SCAG and Caltrans.*

## STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective: a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

## BACKGROUND:

As part of its overall workplan, the Transit/Rail Department administers a significant amount of Federal Transit Act 5304 Transit Planning Grants, as funded by Caltrans through its Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies, Rural or Small Urban Transit Planning Studies, and Transit Planning Student Internship Programs. Three of the eleven grants in the FY13-14 OWP are progressing in collaboration with ICTC: Imperial Valley Transit Specific Operational Analysis (14-145.SCG01530.01); the Calexico Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center Feasibility Study (14-145.SCG02024.01; and the Imperial Valley / San Diego State University Transit Shuttle Analysis (14-145.SCG02570.01).

Mark Baza, Executive Director, Imperial County Transportation Commission, will provide a presentation to the committee regarding ongoing transit planning efforts in collaboration with SCAG and Caltrans.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for staff work on this issue is included in FY13-14 OWP 140.SCG00121.01

## ATTACHMENT:

Power Point Presentation, "Imperial County Transportation Commission's Planning Studies"

## ***Imperial County Transportation Commission's Planning Studies***

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### ***Core Regional Transit Services***

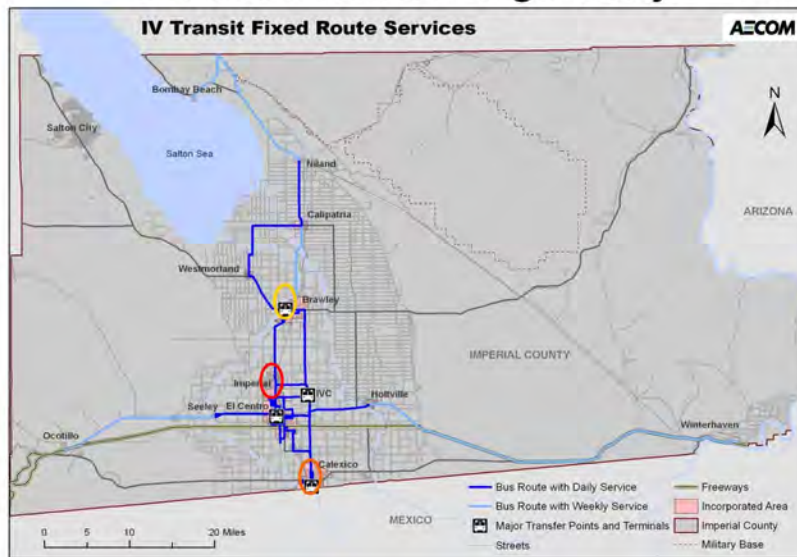
#### ***Local & Regional Transit Service Programs***

- ***Dial-A-Ride (Brawley, Calexico, El Centro, West Shores, and Imperial)***
- ***Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) and IVT ACCESS (ADA - Paratransit)***
- ***IVT Blue and Green Lines – Intracity Bus Service, El Centro***
- ***Med-Express***





## Imperial Valley Transit Circulator Route Design Study



## Imperial Valley Transit Circulator Route Design Study

### Goals of Study and Proposed Routes:

- Develop Route Designs within the cities of Brawley (**Gold Line**), Calexico (**Orange Line**) and Imperial (**Red Line**)— Priorities of our S RTP and LRTP
- Provide increased mobility and accessibility within each of the growing communities
- Serve Key Generators within each City
  - Residential Areas
  - Park and Recreation Centers
  - Hospitals and Community Health Centers
  - Social Services and City Halls
  - Commercial/Shopping Locations

## Calexico Border Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC)



## Calexico Border Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC)

### *Study's Goals and Objectives:*

- *Develop a Center to Accommodate Public and Private Transit Operators, Taxis with high volume of Pedestrians*
- *Develop Alternatives for Conceptual Plans and Sites*
- *Evaluate and Select Preferred Site and Design Concept Alternative*
- *Develop Cost Estimates and Financial Plan*





## Calexico ITC – Study Area



## Imperial Valley Transit Centers

City of Brawley



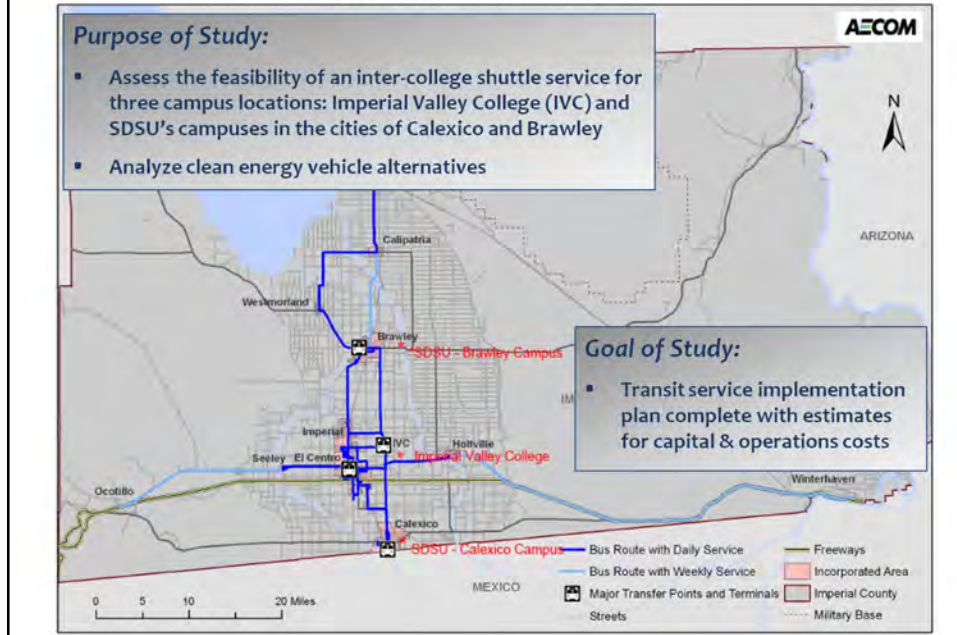
City of El Centro



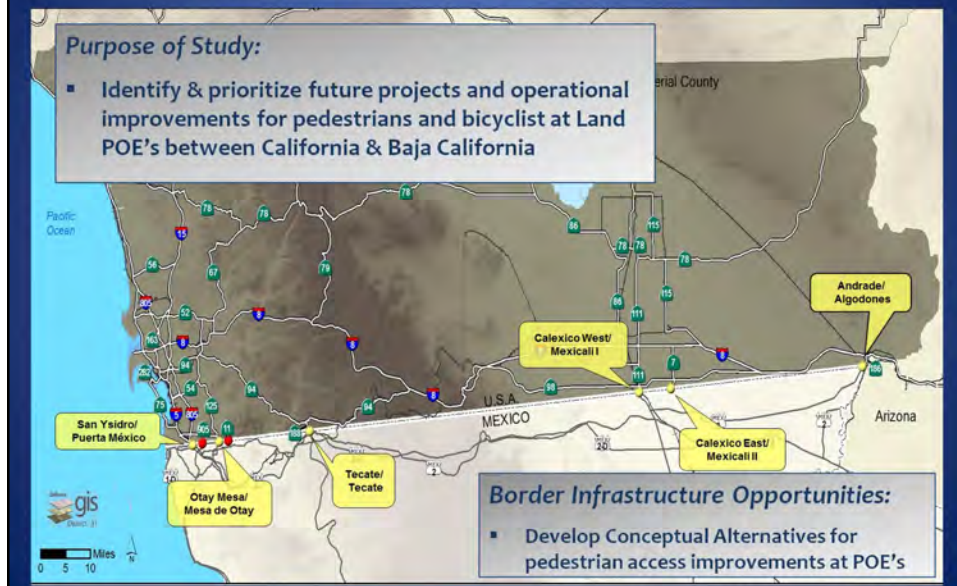
Imperial Valley College (IVC)



## Imperial Valley College (IVC) / SDSU-IV Campus Transit Shuttle Study



## Pedestrian & Bicycle Transportation Access Study - CA/Mexico Land POEs





## Imperial County Safe Routes To School (SR2S) Regional Master Plan

- Improve access, mobility, health, and safety of students
- Promote and strengthen SR2S and Active Transportation efforts region wide
- Planning Tool to update LRTP – Active Transportation Priorities
- Outline creative opportunities to leverage funding - traditional local road projects with non-motorized elements



## Study Benefits to Long Range Transportation Plan

- Implementation of Priorities in current LRTP and 2012 RTP/SCS
- Prioritize future regional projects in preparation for updates to LRTP in FY 2015/16
- Update LRTP to include 20-Year Transit and Active Transportation Vision
- Incorporate into SCAG 2016 RTP/SCS



## ***IVT Service Increases and Capital Improvements Completed and Underway in FY 2013-14***

- Increased Saturday service by adding 4 trips, during peak service hours
- Reduced service headways from 70 to 35 minutes during peak service hours between Calexico to El Centro
- Increased the Imperial Valley College (IVC) Express trips from 6 to 11 (3 morning trips and 2 afternoon trips)
- Implemented the Brawley Gold Line – Intracity bus service
- Introduced for the first time a limited Sunday service schedule (4 trips on 2 routes, 2 morning and 2 evening)
- Completion of Transit Terminals in Cities of Brawley and El Centro

## ***Thank You***

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# REPORT

**DATE:** February 6, 2014

**TO:** Transportation Committee (TC)

**FROM:** Sarah Jepson, Program Manager, 213.236.1955, jepson@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** SCAG-Metro First Mile/Last Mile Strategic Plan Study

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only – No Action Required.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*Shahrazad Amiri, Deputy Executive Officer for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), will present the latest update regarding the preliminary recommendations from the SCAG-Metro First Mile/Last Mile Strategic Plan Study ("Study").*

## STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective c) Provide practical solutions for moving new ideas forward.

## BACKGROUND:

SCAG and Metro have engaged in the development of a First Mile/Last Mile Strategic Plan Study as part of the Sustainability Joint-Work Program between the two (2) agencies. The Joint-Work program lists a number of sustainability goals, tasks and products, including a County-Wide Safe Routes to School Plan; a First Mile/Last Mile Strategic Plan Study; and a Regional Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan.

The purpose of the SCAG-Metro First Mile/Last Mile Strategic Plan Study is to develop planning policies and guidelines to more strategically invest agency resources; provide the basis for seeking additional capital funds; and to optimize access to high-quality transit corridors. The planning policies and guidelines will be a resource for local governments seeking to collaborate with Metro on transportation improvements in transit catchment areas. In addition, the guidelines may serve as a resource for other transit agencies and local governments within the SCAG region.

SCAG staff previously provided TC with information regarding the preliminary recommendations from the Study last November. Metro staff will present the latest development regarding these preliminary recommendations.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact.

## ATTACHMENT:

PowerPoint Presentation: "First Mile-Last Mile"



# FIRST LAST MILE

## STRATEGIC PLAN

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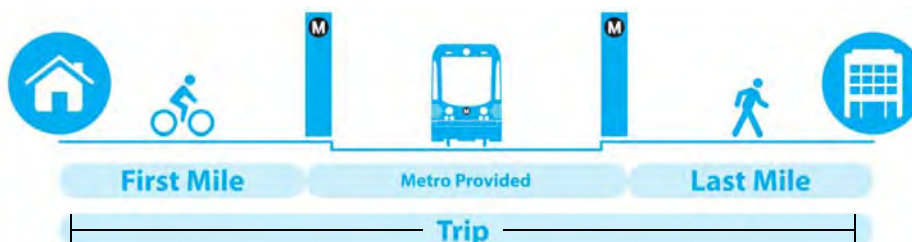
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Public Review Draft

### ***Project Purpose:***

The Metro **First-Last Mile Strategic Plan** aims to achieve multiple objectives;

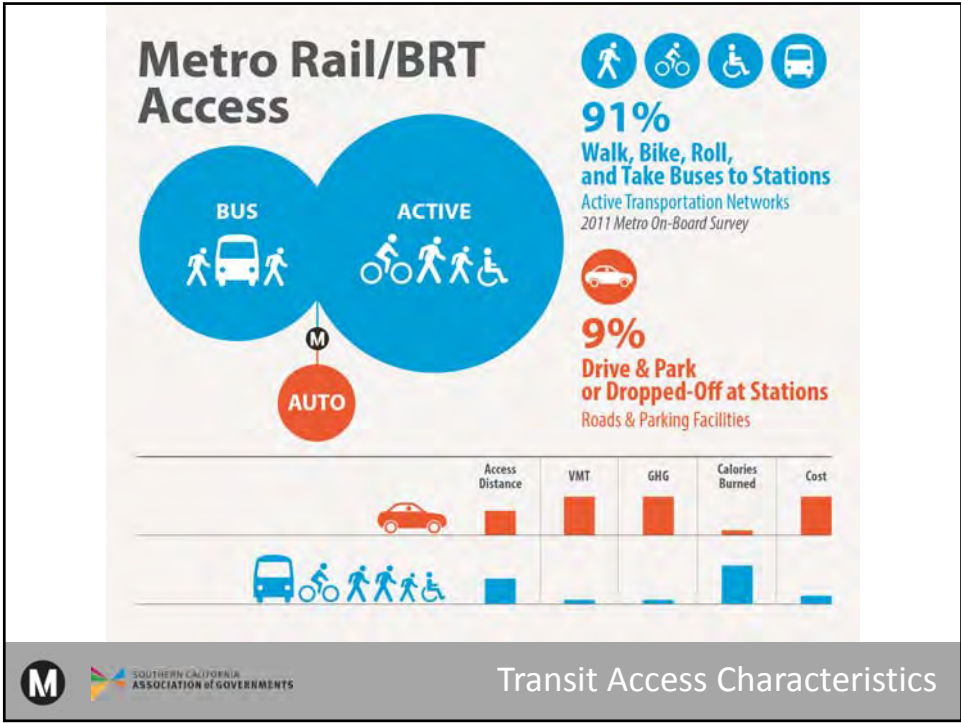
- 1) Expand the reach of transit through infrastructure improvements.
- 2) Maximize multi-modal benefits & efficiencies.
- 3) Guide strategic investment - provide basis for seeking additional capital funds.



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Project Summary





Transit Access Characteristics



Case Study Sites





## Metro Strategy

- Respond to the challenges faced by transit users with a focused infrastructure improvement strategy, “the PATH”
- Path networks increase speed of active travel, reduce point to point distances, and support multimodal transfer activity.



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First – Last Mile Strategy

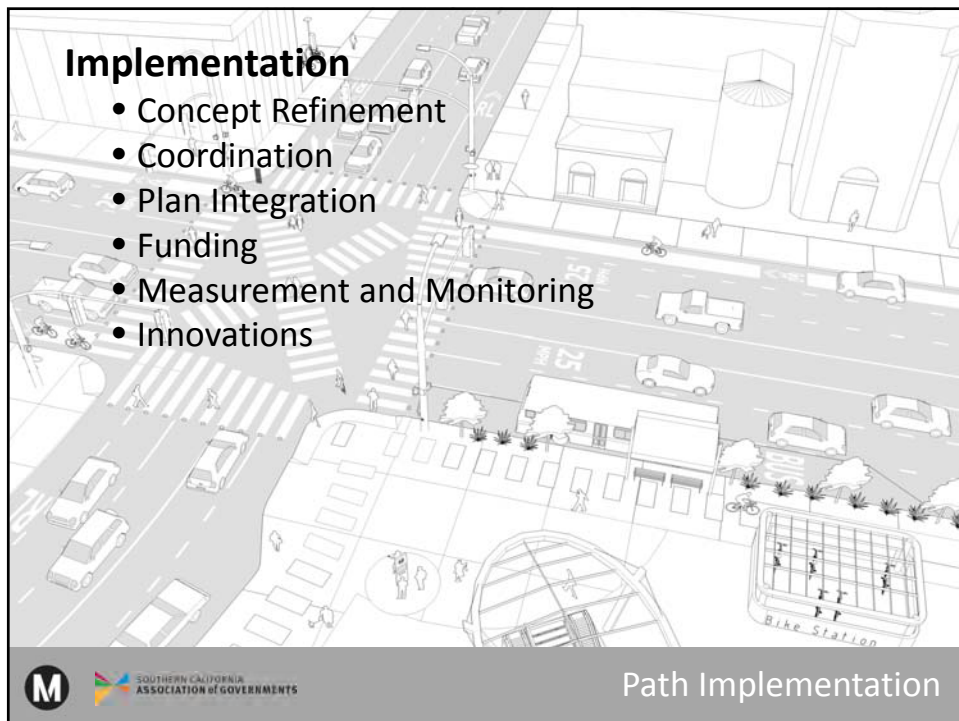


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Path Map (North Hollywood)



## ***Next Steps***

- Receive feedback on draft (Nov 25, 2013 -Feb 15, 2014)
- Outreach to Sub-Regional Agencies & Metro Technical Advisory Committees / Subcommittees (Dec, 2013 – Jan, 2014)
  - Solicit feedback on draft
  - Discuss implementation strategies
- Revise draft and incorporate implementation strategy (Feb, 2014)
- Bring Final Plan to Board for adoption (Spring, 2014)



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Next Steps

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# REPORT

**DATE:** February 6, 2014

**TO:** Transportation Committee (TC)

**FROM:** Sarah Jepson, Manager, Active Transportation and Special Programs, 213.236.1955, jepson@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** California Active Transportation Program Process Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only – No Action Required.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*Sarah Jepson, SCAG staff, will update TC members on the status of the Active Transportation Program Guidelines development. This is part of a regular update process.*

## STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective c) Provide practical solutions for moving new ideas forward.

## BACKGROUND:

The Federal Transportation Reauthorization, MAP-21, changed the requirements for how active transportation projects are programmed. California responded by combining several programs, including Safe Routes to School, Bicycle Transportation Account and the federal program into the Active Transportation Program.

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) will distribute funding for active transportation projects based on several sets of state and federal criteria, performance metrics and funding distribution requirements as defined in the draft Active Transportation Program Guidelines.

Staff participated in the development of the ATP Guidelines and previously briefed the Committee regarding the process. Staff prepared and submitted formal comments regarding the draft ATP guidelines on January 15, 2014, in collaboration and consensus with each of the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs). The formal comments are attached.

Relevant areas addressed in our comments include:

- Consideration for Previously Programmed Projects
- Streamlined Application and Evaluation Processes
- Broadened Eligibility to include treatments such as Bikeshare and Complete Streets
- Leveraging Regional Planning & Capacity Building Programs
- Unique Guidelines for the MPO Share for greater flexibility

# REPORT

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It is anticipated that the final ATP Guidelines will be submitted in February 2014 to the State legislative committee for review and adoption.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**ATTACHMENT:**

Comment letter from SCAG and the CTCs to the California Transportation Commission on the draft Active Transportation Program Guidelines dated January 10, 2014.

January 15, 2014

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti  
 Chair, California Transportation Commission (CTC)  
 State of California  
 1120 N Street  
 Room 2221 (MS-52)  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Comments on Draft ATP Guidelines**

Dear Chairman Ghielmetti,

We thank you and the CTC staff for providing the workshops and working groups to seek public input on the Active Transportation Program Guidelines that will be used to implement SB 99 and the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program specified in the Federal Transportation Reauthorization legislation, known as MAP-21. On behalf of the Southern California Regional Transportation Agencies, the undersigned counties, collectively representing 48% of the state's population, are pleased to offer our comments on the CTC's draft State Active Transportation Program (ATP) Guidelines for your consideration. We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with the CTC to use existing funds in an innovative new approach to programming projects that promote active transportation throughout California.

We hope that the CTC will continue to seek flexibility and administrative ease when implementing ATP funding assignments and allocation rules, taking into consideration the size of the project.

**Strengthening the Statewide Competition**

The following recommendations are offered for the statewide competition and would be carried forward to the regional competitions, as applicable.

- **Consideration for Previously Programmed Projects.** We appreciate the exemption already included in the guidelines for federal funds in the first cycle, but we also recommend that the CTC allow projects with existing local funding to compete for ATP funds. This will allow programming agencies to address funding gaps associated with the cancellation of prior programs and federal funding decreases in MAP-21, without de-

programming projects in the approved Federal Transportation Improvement Program. Many of these prior commitments are enforceable Transportation Control Measures under the Federal Clean Air Act and must be delivered on schedule to maintain conformity with air pollution control rules.

- **Streamlined Application and Evaluation Processes.** The ATP draft guidelines create a simple and fair application and evaluation process. We suggest the following clarifications to further enhance and streamline the process:
  - Provide in the final draft guidelines a sample application form and application information necessary for applicants to begin the process of developing applications in a timely manner.
  - Implement the statewide multidisciplinary panel with representation from each area of the state and make the meetings accessible via webcasting or by rotating the locations, so that travel costs do not deter participation by the regions located furthest from Caltrans Headquarters.
  - Ensure a transparent, fair, and defensible process by clearly stating the point values associated with the range of answers to the rating criteria; publishing the rating results by criteria for review; and providing for appeals prior to Commission adoption of the programs, particularly for those projects near the funding cut-off line (both right above and right below).
- **Broadened Eligibility.** Senate Bill 99 lists project types, but leaves flexibility to expand upon them. Several important project types are not present in the list and may have valuable contributions to make to the goals of the ATP. We suggest taking advantage of the flexibility in statute to make the following project types eligible to the extent that they further the goals of the program by enabling and encouraging walking and cycling:
  - Bikeshare programs (as recommended in the January 10, 2014 revised draft)
  - Complete streets
  - Streetscaping, as part of a larger active transportation project
  - Urban forestry
  - Shared-use paths that accommodate bicycles, pedestrians and low-speed electric vehicles
  - Open streets programs

To ensure the guidelines do not limit our ability to take advantage of utility corridors, we also propose changes to the Design Standards section to state that projects submitted for ATP funding will be constructed to last for a minimum of 20 years and will be intended to be used for a minimum of 20 years but may be constructed on property that is provided through a lease agreement for a shorter period of time. We encourage the CTC to allow renewable property leases for a period of less than 20 years.



Additionally, we support and appreciate recent modifications to the guidelines that reduce the minimum project size to \$250,000 for infrastructure projects, and exclude Safe Routes to School projects.

- **Cost-Effectiveness.** The Scoring Criteria defines cost-effectiveness as maximizing the impact of the funds provided. We believe this definition should be reflected in the way this criterion is evaluated. Specifically, we recommend the cost-benefit analysis be conducted to assess the full benefits of the project in relation to the funds provided by the ATP, not the full project cost. This will reward project sponsors that show a strong commitment to a project by including a match or overmatch.
- **Leveraging Regional Planning & Capacity Building Programs.** In the event that funding is set aside in the statewide competition for planning and non-infrastructure projects, we recommend the MPOs administer these funds to ensure consistency with regional plans and to leverage existing capacity building programs. A significant concern raised by the working group is whether local jurisdictions and non-profit organizations that may be great candidates and project sponsors have the resources and programming expertise to successfully deliver projects. SCAG has a well-developed and successful technical assistance programs to support cities and reduce the administrative burden of developing local plans and programs that implement the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The CTC should consider opportunities to take advantage of existing technical assistance programs offered by the MPOs to ensure the state administered planning and education funds are spent in a timely manner without undue burden.
- **Bid Savings Policy for Statewide and MPO Region Programs.** We recommend that the CTC develop a bid savings policy that will maximize the use of ATP funds in accordance with the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program. We recommend including the following suggestions in the ATP guidelines:
  - In case of bid savings, allow a disproportionate reduction of funds to maximize the ATP share on projects and reduce the local agency match. This policy was allowed through the Transportation Enhancements (TE) program and allowed local agencies to retain the share of TE awarded to a project.
  - In addition, for the 40 percent MPO share, allow bid savings from MPO share projects to remain available in the MPO region as allowed through MAP-21 to be programmed towards future projects. Retaining any bid savings in a MPO region will ensure that each MPO region retains its fair share of ATP funds.

### **Unique Guidelines for the Regional Share**

Senate Bill 99 specifically authorizes separate guidelines for the regional share of ATP. We support draft language which utilizes this flexibility to allow MPOs to determine project selection criteria, weighting, minimum project size, match requirement, and definition of disadvantaged communities for the MPO competitive process. We would request this flexibility be further extended to other sections of the guidelines, recognizing the Commission will approve MPO guidelines, to ensure we are able to meet the specific statutory requirements outlined in SB 99. We further recommend that the CTC guidelines related to the MPO process incorporate the following considerations:

- **Accelerate Obligation of FFY 2014 Federal Transportation Alternatives Program Funding.** Congressional leadership has signaled they intend to mark-up the draft transportation reauthorization legislation in the spring of 2014 which would also address whether this important federal program is continued or not. We suggest it is in California's best interest to show full obligation of the FFY 13 and FFY 14 TAP funding specified for this purpose (along with examples of best practices to Congressional leadership). The current proposed guidelines would carry over the FFY 2014 TAP funds to FFY 2015 and miss this window of opportunity. We suggest for those MPOs that have ready to go FY 2014 projects, they be given authorization to proceed with obligating eligible projects (under federal DOT TAP guidelines issued). This option would apply only to the MPO share of the FFY 2014 TAP funds, which is approximately \$14.493 million in the SCAG region and \$25.559 million statewide. Projects that would be submitted to the CTC for immediate implementation would meet all eligibility requirements, be competitively selected using prior processes, and advance the ATP goals. We suggest that this strategy is a win-win for California and helps to assure the continuation of the Federal TAP funds contained within the ATP.
- **Sequential Project Selection.** To provide the state with the best possible projects and to provide project sponsors with maximum opportunities for funding, we support the sequential project selection process in the draft guidelines as they will allow projects not selected in the statewide competition to be considered in the large MPO competitions.
- **Lump Sum Allocation.** Follow as closely as possible, the already-established processes and policies for the Federal Surface Transportation Program / Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (STP/CMAQ) programs, building upon the proven success of those programs over the past decade and a half in fully obligating all federal dollars. This includes flexibility in managing federal obligation authority (OA) to meet changes in project delivery schedules across all federal fund types and making a lump sum allocation for projects under \$5 million at a minimum. This same process is already used by CTC to allocate funds to federal competitive programs such as the Safety and Bridge

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January 15, 2014

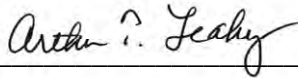
funding programs. For these programs, funds are allocated to Caltrans for distribution to top ranking projects through a lump sum allocation process. It is possible that CTC could modify the process to list all of the potential projects that would be funded through the lump sum in any given year. This suggestion is also consistent with the language for the Transportation Alternative Program that is outlined in Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21).


- **Schedule.** Please allow some flexibility around the deadlines proposed in the Program Schedule to account for minor changes needed to account for MPO Board approval cycles.


The undersigned regional transportation agencies thank you and your excellent staff for providing the opportunity to comment on the draft ATP guidelines. We look forward to working with you as the program moves forward. Should you have any questions about our comments, please contact Sarah Jepson, SCAG Manager of Active Transportation & Special Programs at (213) 236-1955 (Jepson@scag.ca.gov).

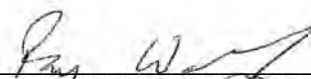
Sincerely,


  
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Imperial County Transportation Commission

  
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Arthur Leahy  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority


  
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Darrell Johnson  
Orange County Transportation Authority

  
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Ray Wolfe  
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Darren Kettle  
Ventura County Transportation  
Commission

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Southern California Association of  
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cc: California Transportation Commission members

Mr. Andre Boutros, CTC Executive Director

Mr. Mitch Weiss, CTC

Mr. Malcolm Dougherty, California Department of Transportation

Mr. Brian Annis, Deputy Secretary, California Transportation Agency

Ms. Arwen Chenery, Office of Senate Pro Tempore

Mr. Christian Griffith, Assembly Budget Committee

Mr. Mark Ibele, Senate Budget Committee

Mr. Ted Link-Oberstar, Senate Office of Research

Ms. Erica Martinez, Assembly Speaker's Office

Ms. Teresa McWilliam, California Department of Transportation

Ms. Erin Riches, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

# REPORT

**DATE:** February 6, 2014

**TO:** Transportation Committee (TC)

**FROM:** Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, (213) 236-1817, [panas@scag.ca.gov](mailto:panas@scag.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT:** Federal Transit Administration – Notice of Funding Availability for the Low or No Emission (LoNo) Vehicle Deployment Program

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information only - No Action Required.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*The United States Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently announced the availability of \$24.9 million of Fiscal Year 2013 funds for deployment of Low or No emission transit buses (LoNo Program). These are discretionary funds and the designated recipient for the area/UZA must be the direct/lead applicant. Thus, in order for recipients in the UZAs listed below to receive LoNo funds, SCAG would be required to submit an application on grants.gov as the Lead Applicant and if awarded, be responsible for applying directly for the funds via TEAM.*

## STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

## BACKGROUND:

On January 9, 2014, the United States Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of \$24.9 million of Fiscal Year 2013 funds for their Low or No Emission (LoNo) Vehicle Deployment Program. The main purpose of the LoNo Program is to deploy the cleanest and most energy efficient U.S.-made transit buses that have been largely proven in testing and demonstrations but are not yet widely deployed in transit fleets. The LoNo Program provides funding for transit agencies for capital acquisitions and leases of zero emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities.

Of the amount available for the program, \$21.6 million is available for buses and \$3.3 million is available for supporting facilities and related equipment. These are discretionary funds and the Designated Recipient for the area/urbanized area (UZA) must be the direct/lead applicant. The following is a list of the UZAs in which SCAG is the Designated Recipient:

- Indio/Cathedral City
- Los Angeles/Long Beach/Anaheim
- Riverside/San Bernardino
- Murrieta/Temecula
- Lancaster/Palmdale
- Santa Clarita

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In order for recipients in the aforementioned UZAs to receive LoNo funds, SCAG would be required to submit an application as the Lead Applicant, and if awarded, be responsible for applying directly for the funds via FTA's Transportation Electronic Award Management (TEAM) system.

Additional grant program info is available at: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077\\_15782.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_15782.html)

SCAG will be issuing a call for applications the week of February 3-7, 2014. The call will require that applications must be for a minimum of five (5) vehicles and for a non-attainment area. Applications are due back to SCAG by March 3, 2014, after which SCAG must complete its submission to FTA by March 10, 2014.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

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Transportation Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
January 2, 2014

*Minutes*

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Transportation Committee (TC) met at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Hon. John Addleman, Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG
Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Catalina Chacon	Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Roy Francis, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	District 25
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta	Murrieta
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians
Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress	District 18
Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea	District 22
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Frank Navarro, City of Colton	SANBAG
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Micheál O'Leary, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG

Hon. Adam Rush, Eastvale	RCTC
Hon. David Spence, La Canada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona	District 63
Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry	SGVCOG
Hon. Barb Stanton, Apple Valley	SANBAG
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	District 42
Hon. Don Voss, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	SANBAG
Mr. Aziz Elattar	Caltrans District 7

### **Members Not Present:**

Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Bill Hodge, Calexico	ICTC
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Brian McDonald	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark ( <i>Chair</i> )	VCTC
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	District 44
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Hon. David Spence led the Pledge of Allegiance. Hon. Alan Wapner announced new committee member Hon. Catalina Chacon from Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no review or prioritization of agenda items.

### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Joint Work Program with San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

Jacob Lieb, SCAG staff, reported that SCAG has worked collaboratively with partner agencies to advance and implement key policies and strategies of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. To further this effort SANBAG has developed a MOU/Joint Work Program which identifies 16 activities of mutual interest. The activities are sorted into three categories, planning work, coordination and advocacy.



Hon. Trish Kelley asked if the annual and quarterly reports would be provided to the Transportation Committee. Mr. Lieb responded they would be provided to the committee.

A MOTION was made (McEachron) and SECONDED (Brown) to approve the MOU/Joint Work Program with SANBAG. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Addleman, Antonovich, Barrows, Becerra, Betts, Chacon, Daniels, DeGrandpre, Francis, Guerra, Hack, Harper, Herrera, Hyatt, Kelley, Lane, Masiel, McEachron, Medina, Messina, Mills, Murdock, Murray, Navarro, Neal, Nelson, O'Connor, O'Leary, Parks, Pettis, Real-Sebastian, Rush, Spence, Spiegel, Spohn, Stanton, Talamantes, Voss, Wapner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Update on State and Federal Freight Activities: The California Freight Advisory Committee, Recent U.S. DOT Release of the Draft Primary Freight Network, and Findings on the Impacts of the Panama Canal

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, provided an update on state and Federal freight activities. It was noted that MAP-21 provisions include improving the condition and performance of the national freight network. Subsequently the National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC) was established to provide information; advice; and recommendations for the development of the National Freight Strategic Plan (NFSP) and National Freight Network (NFN).

Concurrently, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is developing the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) and in collaboration with the California Transportation Agency (CalSTA) established the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC). SCAG is a member of the CFAC. It was also noted the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) released a study intended to assess the impacts from the Panama Canal expansion. The expansion of the Panama Canal, scheduled for 2015 will give much larger vessels greater access to U.S. ports on the East and Gulf coasts. Staff will continue to update the committee on these developments.

3. Transportation Alternative Program Update – State's Preliminary Draft Active Transportation Program Guidelines

Sarah Jepson, SCAG staff, presented an update on the California preliminary Draft Active Transportation Program Guidelines. Ms. Jepson stated the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has released the preliminary draft guidelines for the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP was created by SB 99 in 2013 to increase the use of active modes of transportation such as biking and walking. Grants will be made available to local and regional agencies, school districts, non-profits and others to fund infrastructure projects, planning and educational programs.

Hon. John Addleman, Rolling Hills Estates, asked about the "First-Last Mile Strategic Plan" at Los Angeles MTA and requested that SCAG's efforts allows funding for class 2 roller lanes and not only bicycle lanes. Ms. Jepson noted that this request would be included in SCAG's comments on the guidelines.

4. SB 743: Facilitating Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) in Southern California

Ping Chang, SCAG staff, reported on SB 743: Facilitating Transit-Oriented Development. Mr. Chang stated SB 743 is recent legislation intended to facilitate Transit Oriented Development through regulatory incentives. Incentives are provided particularly as related to the CEQA process for certain developments within one-half mile of a major transit stop (rail stations, ferry terminals with bus or rail connections and selected bus stops with 15 minutes or fewer headways). Mr. Chang noted that SB 743 does not replace SB 375 incentives and incentives are provided in a more simplified process. It also takes more of a planning rather than regulatory approach.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval Item**

5. Minutes of the November 7, 2013 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Barrows) and SECONDED (Hack) to approve the Consent Calendar. The Motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Addleman, Antonovich, Barrows, Becerra, Betts, Chacon, Daniels, DeGrandpre, Francis, Guerra, Hack, Harper, Herrera, Hyatt, Kelley, Lane, Masiel, McEachron, Medina, Messina, Mills, Murdock, Murray, Navarro, Neal, Nelson, O'Connor, O'Leary, Parks, Pettis, Real-Sebastian, Rush, Spence, Spiegel, Spohn, Stanton, Talamantes, Voss, Wapner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



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Akiko Yamagami, Senior Regional Planner  
Transportation Planning

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Member (including Ex-Officio) Last Name, First Name	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended				= No Meeting		NM = New Member					
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Addleman, John	Rolling Hills Estates		X					X											
Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X					X											
Barrows, Bruce*	Cerritos		X					X											
Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X					X											
Betts, Russell	CVAG				X			X											
Brown, Art	Buena Park			X				X											
Chacon, Catalina	Indians							X											
Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X					X											
DeGrandpre, Jeff	Eastvale				X			X											
Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X																
Elattar, Aziz	Caltrans - District 7							X											
Francis, Roy	La Habra Heights		X					X											
Guerra, Mario	Downey		X					X											
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X				X											
Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X				X											
Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X					X											
Hodge, Bill	Clexico, ICTC	X																	
Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																
Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X			X											
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X				X											
Lane, Randon	Murrieta				x			X											
Ledford, James C.	County		X																
Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X				X											
Masiel, Andrew	Indians							X											
McDonald, Brian	Tribe					X													
McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X		X											
McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X					X											
Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X					X											
Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X					X											
Millhouse, Keith* (Chair)	Moorpark						X												
Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X				X											
Murdock, Brett	Brea			X				X											
Murray, Kris	Anaheim			X				X											
Navarro, Frank	Colton							X											
Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X					X											
Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X				X											
O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X											
O'Leary, Micheál	Culver City/WCCOG		X					X											
Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X													
Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X																
Parks, Linda	Ventura County						X	X											
Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X											
Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG		X					X											
Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X														
Rush, Adam	Eastvale							X											
Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X																
Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X														
Spence, David	La Cañada Flintridge/Arroyo		X					X											
Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X			X											
Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X					X											
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Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera		X																
Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X					X											
Wapner, Alan* (Vice-Chair)	Ontario					X		X											
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>												
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# 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

## REGIONAL COUNCIL AND POLICY COMMITTEES

**All Regular Meetings are scheduled on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month except for September\***

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Transportation Committee (TC)	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Regional Council (RC)	12:15 PM – 2:00 PM

January 2, 2014

February 6, 2014

March 6, 2014

April 3, 2014

**May 1 – 2, 2014  
(SCAG 2014 Regional Conference & General Assembly)**

June 5, 2014

**DARK IN JULY**

August 7, 2014

**September 11, 2014\***  
**(Note: League of California Cities Annual Conference in Los Angeles, Sept. 3 – 5)**

October 2, 2014

November 6, 2014

December 4, 2014

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# REPORT

**DATE:** February 6, 2014

**TO:** Regional Council (RC)  
Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee  
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)  
Transportation Committee (TC)

**FROM:** Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, [ikhata@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ikhata@scag.ca.gov), 213-236-1944

**SUBJECT:** SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*SCAG is providing a monthly update (attached) regarding successful implementation of the 73 Sustainability Grants to member agencies. Forty-four (44) of the seventy-three (73) approved SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants were funded in the fall of 2013. To date, twenty-seven (27) scopes of work have been developed, and five (5) have selected consultants.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; and Goal 4: Develop, Maintain and Promote the Utilization of State of the Art Models, Information Systems and Communication Technologies.

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 12, 2013, the Regional Council approved seventy-three (73) Sustainability Planning Grant projects and directed staff to proceed with funding projects with available funds for Phases I and Phase II projects. Phase III projects will proceed as additional funds becomes available in FY 15.

SCAG staff is providing monthly updates to the Board regarding implementation of the seventy-three (73) grants. To date, twenty-seven (27) scopes of work have been developed in partnership with the cities, eighteen (18) consultant RFPs have been released and five (5) cities have consultants selected.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding is included in SCAG's FY 2013-14 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget. Staff's work budget for the current fiscal year are included in FY 2013-14 OWP 065.SCG02663.02.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Summary Progress Chart

Number	Applicant	Project	Scope	RFP	Selection	Contract
<b>Phase 1 (Available funds)</b>						
1	San Bernardino County	Bloomington Area Valley Blvd. Specific Plan Health and Wellness Element - <b>Public health; Active transportation; Livability; Open space</b>	x	x		
2	Los Angeles - Department of City Planning	Van Nuys & Boyle Heights Modified Parking Requirements - <b>Economic development; TOD; Livability</b>	x	x	x	
3	Los Angeles - Department of City Planning	Bicycle Plan Performance Evaluation - <b>Active transportation; performance measures</b>				
4	Western Riverside Council of Governments	Public Health: Implementing the Sustainability Framework - <b>Public health; Multi-jurisdiction coordination; Sustainability</b>	x	x		
5	Santa Ana	Complete Streets Plan - <b>Complete streets; Active transportation; Livability</b>	x	x		
6	San Bernardino Associated Governments	Climate Action Plan Implementation Tools - <b>GHG reduction; Multi-jurisdiction coordination; Implementation</b>	x	x	x	
7	Riverside	Restorative Growthprint Riverside - <b>GHG reduction; Infrastructure investment; Economic development</b>	x	x	x	
8	Orange County Parks	Orange County Bicycle Loop - <b>Active transportation; Multi-jurisdictional; Public health</b>	x	x	x	
9	Ventura County	Connecting Newbury Park - Multi-Use Pathway Plan - <b>Active transportation; Public health; Adaptive re-use</b>	x	x	x	
10	Imperial County Transportation Commission	Safe Routes to School Plan - <b>Multi-modal; Active transportation</b>	x	x		
11	Yucaipa	College Village/Greater Dunlap Neighborhood Sustainable Community - <b>Complete Streets; TOD</b>	x	x		
12	Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments	Multi-Jurisdictional Regional Bicycle Master Plan - <b>Active transportation; Public health; Adaptive re-use</b>	x	x	x	
13	Eastvale	Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan - <b>Active Transportation</b>	x	x		
14	West Covina	Downtown Central Business District - <b>Multi-modal; Active transportation</b>				
15	Placentia	General Plan/Sustainability Element & Development Code Assistance - <b>General Plan Update; Sustainability Plan</b>	x	x	x	
16	Paramount/Bellflower	Regional Bicycle Connectivity - West Santa Ana Branch Corridor - <b>Active transportation; multi-jurisdiction</b>	x	x		
17	Costa Mesa	Implementation Plan for Multi-Purpose Trails - <b>Active Transportation</b>	x	x	x	
<b>Phase 2 (Available funds)</b>						
18	Fullerton	East Wilshire Avenue Bicycle Boulevard - <b>Active transportation; Livability; Demonstration project</b>				



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19	Beaumont	Climate Action Plan - <b>GHG reduction</b>	x			
20	Palm Springs	Sustainability Master Plan Update - <b>Leverages larger effort; commitment to implement</b>				
21	Big Bear Lake	Rathbun Corridor Sustainability Plan - <b>Multi-modal; Economic development; Open space</b>	x			
22	Western Riverside Council of Governments	Land Use, Transportation, and Water Quality Planning Framework - <b>Integrated planning, Sustainability</b>	x			
23	Anaheim	Bicycle Master Plan Update - <b>Active transportation</b>	x	x		
24	Ontario	Ontario Airport Metro Center - <b>Multi-modal; Visualization; Integrated planning</b>	x			
25	Coachella Valley Association of Governments	CV Link Health Impact Assessment - <b>Active transportation; Public health; Multi-jurisdiction</b>				
26	San Bernardino Associated Governments	San Bernardino Countywide Complete Streets Strategy - <b>Multi-modal; Livability; Multi-jurisdiction</b>				
27	Chino Hills	Climate Action Plan and Implementation Strategy - <b>GHG reduction; Implementation; Sustainability</b>	x	x		
28	Coachella	La Plaza East Urban Development Plan - <b>Mixed-use, TOD, Infill</b>				
29	South Bay Bicycle Coalition/Hermosa, Manhattan, Redondo	Bicycle Mini-Corral Plan - <b>Active transportation; implementable; good value</b>				
30	Hawthorne	Crenshaw Station Area Active Transportation Plan and Overlay Zone - <b>Multi-modal; Active transportation; GHG reduction</b>				
31	Chino	Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan - <b>Multi-modal; Active transportation</b>	x			
32	Stanton	Green Planning Academy - <b>Innovative; Sustainability; Education &amp; outreach</b>				
33	Hermosa Beach	Carbon Neutral Plan - <b>GHG reduction; Sustainability</b>				
34	Palm Springs	Urban Forestry Initiative - <b>Sustainability; Unique; Resource protection</b>				
35	Orange County	"From Orange to Green" - County of Orange Zoning Code Update - <b>Sustainability; implementation</b>				
36	Calimesa	Wildwood and Calimesa Creek Trail Master Plan Study - <b>Active transportation; Resource protection</b>	x			
37	Western Riverside Council of Governments	Climate Action Plan Implementation - <b>GHG Reduction; Multi-jurisdiction; implementation</b>	x	x		

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38	Lynwood	Safe and Healthy Community Element - <b>Public health &amp; safety, General Plan update</b>	x			
39	Palmdale	Avenue Q Feasibility Study - <b>Mixed-use; Integrated planning</b>				
40	Long Beach	Willow Springs Wetland Habitat Creation Plan - <b>Open Space; Resource protection</b>	x			
41	Indio	General Plan Sustainability and Mobility Elements - <b>Sustainability; Multi-modal, General Plan update</b>	x			
42	Glendale	Space 134 - <b>Open space/Freeway cap; Multi-modal</b>				
43	Rancho Palos Verdes/City of Los Angeles	Western Avenue Corridor Design Implementation Guidelines - <b>Urban Infill; Mixed-use; Multi-modal</b>	x			
44	Moreno Valley	Nason Street Corridor Plan - <b>Multi-modal; Economic development</b>	x			
<b>Phase 3 (Pending additional funds)</b>						
45	Park 101/City of Los Angeles	Park 101 District - <b>Open space/Freeway cap; Multi-modal</b>				
46	Los Angeles/San Fernando	Northeast San Fernando Valley Sustainability & Prosperity Strategy - <b>Multi-jurisdiction; Economic development; Sustainability</b>				
47	San Dimas	Downtown Specific Plan - <b>Mixed use; Infill</b>				
48	Los Angeles - Department of City Planning	CEQA Streamlining: Implementing the SCS Through New Incentives - <b>CEQA streamlining</b>				
49	Pico Rivera	Kruse Road Open Space Study - <b>Open space; Active transportation</b>				
50	South Bay Cities Council of Governments	Neighborhood-Oriented Development Graphics - <b>Public outreach</b>				
51	San Bernardino Associated Governments	Safe Routes to School Inventory - <b>Active transportation; Public health</b>				
52	Burbank	Mixed-Use Development Standards - <b>Mixed use; Urban infill</b>				
53	San Bernardino Associated Governments	Countywide Habitat Preservation/Conservation Framework - <b>Open Space; Active Transportation</b>				
54	Rancho Cucamonga	Healthy RC Sustainability Action Plan - <b>Public health; implementation</b>				
55	Pasadena	Form-Based Street Design Guidelines - <b>Complete Streets; Multi-modal; Livability</b>				
56	South Gate	Gateway District/Eco Rapid Transit Station Specific Plan - <b>Land Use Design; Mixed Use; Active Transportation</b>				

Number	Applicant	Project	Scope	RFP	Selection	Contract
57	Lancaster	Complete Streets Master Plan - <b>Complete Streets Plan</b>				
58	Rancho Cucamonga	Feasibility Study for Relocation of Metrolink Station - <b>Transit Access</b>				
59	Santa Clarita	Soledad Canyon Road Corridor Plan - <b>Land Use Design; Mixed Use Plan</b>				
60	Seal Beach	Climate Action Plan - <b>Climate Action Plan</b>				
61	La Mirada	Industrial Area Specific Plan - <b>Land Use Design</b>				
62	Hemet	Downtown Hemet Specific Plan - <b>Land Use Design; Mixed Use Plan</b>				
63	Hollywood Central Park/City of Los Angeles	Hollywood Central Park EIR - <b>Open Space/Freeway Cap; Multi-modal</b>				
64	Desert Hot Springs	Bicycle/Pedestrian Beltway Planning Project - <b>Active Transportation</b>				
65	Cathedral City	General Plan Update - Sustainability - <b>General Plan Update; Sustainability Plan</b>				
66	Westminster	General Plan Update - Circulation Element - <b>General Plan Update; Complete Streets</b>				
67	La Canada Flintridge	Climate Action Plan - <b>Climate Action Plan</b>				
68	Huntington Beach	Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Plan - <b>Electric Vehicle</b>				
69	Pasadena	Green House Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Evaluation Protocol - <b>Climate Action Plan</b>				
70	San Bernardino Associated Governments	Countywide Bicycle Route Mobile Application - <b>Active Transportation</b>				
71	Dana Point	General Plan Update - <b>General Plan Update</b>				
72	Garden Grove	RE:IMAGINE Downtown - Pedals & Feet - <b>Active Transportation; Infill</b>				
73	Barstow	Housing Element and Specific Plan Update - <b>Housing; Land Use Design</b>				
<b>Program Update Totals</b>			<b>Scope</b> 29	<b>RFP</b> 18	<b>Selection</b> 8	<b>Contract</b> 0